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Brown Sailloft
Wenona
private

c. 1870-1900

The Brown Sailloft stands at the southern tip of Deal Island in the waterfront community of Wenona. The basic warehouse-type frame structure combines a large workroom and storage space for assembling various types of sails for work or pleasure boats. Sited on the edge of the Wenona waterfront, watermen were provided a convenient source for cloth sails. Several generations of Brown family members operated the business before its closing within the past decade.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-373

Magi No. 2003735511

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brown Sailloft

and/or common

2. Location

street & number End of Deal Island Road MD 363 ☐ not for publication

city, town Wenona ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: None

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Brown Sailloft description

The Brown Sailloft stands at the south end of Deal Island Road (363) in the waterfront community of Wenona, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story frame structure faces west with the principal gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built during the third quarter of the nineteenth century, the sailloft is supported by a brick pier foundation, and it is sheathed with a layer of asphalt shingles over weatherboards. The steeply pitched roof is also covered with asphalt shingles.

The sailloft is composed of two sections. The southern part is a two-story, one-room plan structure, while a single-story workroom extends northward. The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade consisting of six-over-six sash windows and a boarded-over door. The second floor of the southern portion is lighted by six-over-six sash as well. The base of the roof is finished with a simple boxed cornice.

The south gable end is partially covered by a shed addition that is supported by a concrete block foundation. To the left of the shed is a six-over-six sash window covered with a board shutter. The flush gable end is finished with a plain bargeboard.

The single-story north gable end has an entrance in the west (right) bay, while a six-over-six sash pierces the wall to the right. A narrow brick stack protrudes through the gable end.

Covering the east side of the structure is a single-story shed roofed addition that was added at a slightly later date. The shed roof covers obsolete six-over-six sash windows.

The main workspace involves much of the first floor, which is largely uninterrupted by support posts. The circular sawn framing members are held together in places by mature cut nails. The shed rooms to the east and south were evidently used primarily for the storage of sails.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SIGNIFICANCE

The Brown Sailloft is the only known structure in Somerset County used for sail-making. The simple warehouse-type frame structure was built during the third quarter of the nineteenth-century of circular sawn lumber and mature cut nails. Sited at the south end of Wenona, watermen were provided with a convenient supply of cloth sails. Several generations of Brown family members operated the business until closing during the past decade.



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Wenona, Somerset Co. Md.

Northwest elevation

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West Elevation

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Southwest Elevation

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South Elevation

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